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Dear Mr. Naventi:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – ACCEPTANCE OF BECHTEL NATIONAL INC.'S RESPONSE TO FINDINGS FROM GEOTECHNICAL/FOUNDATIONS, FIREWATER, AND INDUSTRIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT, IR-01-010, AND RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE TO IR-02-004

- References:
1. BNI letter from R. F. Naventi to M. K. Barrett, ORP, "Response to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Safety Regulation Letter- "Rejection of Bechtel National Inc.'s Response to Findings from Geotechnical/Foundations, Firewater, and Industrial Health and Safety Inspection Report, IR-01-010," CNN: 033347, dated May 20, 2002.
 2. BNI letter from A. R. Veirup to M. K. Barrett, ORP, "Bechtel National Inc.'s Response to U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Safety Regulation Letter - Inspection Report, IR-02-004 – On-Location Inspection Report for the Period February 25 Through April 11, 2002 – Request for Extension," CNN: 034675, dated June 4, 2002.
 3. ORP letter from R. C. Barr, to R. F. Naventi, BNI, "Rejection of Bechtel National, Inc.'s Response to Findings from Geotechnical/Foundations, Firewater, and Industrial Health and Safety Inspection Report, IR-01-010," 02-OSR-0192, dated May 3, 2002.
 4. BNI letter from A. R. Veirup to M. K. Barrett, ORP, "Bechtel National, Inc.'s Response to Geotechnical/Foundations, Firewater, and Industrial Health and Safety Inspection Report, IR-02-010 [sic IR-01-010]," CNN: 029091, dated April 30, 2002.

The Office of Safety Regulation (OSR) finds the responses in the referenced Bechtel National Inc. (BNI) letters that address Findings IR-01-010-01-FIN and IR-01-010-02-FIN identified in Geotechnical/Foundations, Firewater, and Industrial Health and Safety Inspection Report, IR-01-010, acceptable. Reference 1 also addressed the additional information requests of Reference 3. The OSR will verify closure of these Findings during a future inspection.

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With respect to the BNI request in Reference 2, OSR grants a two-week extension to respond to the Finding of inspection report IR-02-004. However, the OSR is concerned that BNI is not providing sufficient management oversight of the process to assure timely response to inspection Findings. This concern is heightened when BNI submits extension requests, with insufficient justification, on the due date of the response.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Pat Carier of my staff, (509) 376-3574. Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract, DE-AC27-01RV14136. If, in my capacity as the Safety Regulation Official, I provide any direction that your company believes exceeds my authority or constitutes a change to the Contract, you will immediately notify the Contracting Officer and request clarification prior to complying with the direction.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Barr
Safety Regulation Official
Office of Safety Regulation

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cc: W. R. Spezialetti, BNI